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FM AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E.O. 12065: GDS 4/1/86 (MILLS, HAWTHORNE) OR-M

TAGS: PDIP, PINS, PINT, ASEC, AF, US

SUBJECT: DRA CLAIMS NEW DISCOVERIES IN KILLING OF AMBASSADOR DUBS

1. (U) THE DRA HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT CLAIMING THAT "FRESH"
 DISCOVERIES" HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE CONTINUING INVESTIGATION
 OF AMBASSADOR DUBS' MURDER A YEAR AGO. THIS DECLARATION OF

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MINISTRY OF INTERIOR AND SECURITY FORCES, BROADCAST ON
TO AFGHANISTAN MARCH 31 AND CARRIED BY THE GOVERNMENT-
CONTROLLED PRESS THE FOLLOWING DAY, ASSERTS THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S
ABDUCTORS WERE MEMBERS OF A "RELIGIOUS SECT" OPPOSED TO THE
"SAVAGE PERSONAL OPPRESSION OF HAFIZULLAH AMIN" WHO HAD
KIDNAPPED DUBS TO FORCE HIM TO ADMIT THE "CLOSE COOPERATION
BETWEEN AMIN AND THE U.S. EMBASSY STAFF IN KABUL AND THUS
TAKE THEIR VENGEANCE ON THE CIA AGENT." ANOTHER "HIGHLY
IMPORTANT FACTOR" ALLEGEDLY DISCOVERED IN THE COURSE OF THE
INVESTIGATION WAS THAT DRA SECURITY FORCES SENT TO THE KABUL
HOTEL HAD "VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED" A FORCEFUL ATTACK TO SAVE THE
AMBASSADOR BUT THAT AMIN, WHO HAD LEARNED OF THE KIDNAPPERS'
INTENTIONS, ORDERED SAYED DAOUD TAROON, "A PROFESSIONAL

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MURDERER," TO LAUNDH THE RUTHLESS ATTACK IN WHICH DUBS
AND ONE OF HIS ABDUCTORS DIED. THE OTHER THREE KIDNAPPERS,

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ONE OF THEM WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK, WERE ARRESTED AND LATER
KILLED BY TAROON ON AMIN'S ORDER TO PROTECT HIS GUILTY
SECRET.

2. (U) THE OUTRAGEOUS CLOSING PARAGRAPHS OF THE STATEMENT
NEED TO BE QUOTED IN FULL TO GIVE THE FLAVOR OF THIS
DOUBLE-BARRELLED HATCHET JOB:

"WHAT IS ASTONISHING TO THE PEOPLE OF AFGHANISTAN IS
HOW THE JIMMY CARTER ADMINISTRATION SO SIMPLY SACRIFICED
ITS ENVOY IN ORDER TO COVER UP AMIN'S SECRET LINK WITH THE
CIA, THAT TERRORIST ORGANIZATION OF US IMPERIALISM.

"THE EXPOSING OF THIS PLOT HATCHED BY THE CIA CRIMINALS
IN COLLUSION WITH ITS OBEDIENT AGENT, HAFIZULLAH AMIN,
ADDS ANOTHER STIGMA TO THE ANTI-HUMAN POLICIES PURSUED

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BY IMPERIALISTS WHICH WILL REMAIN FOR EVER TOGETHER WITH
THE OTHER CIA SCANDALOUS RECORDS."

3. (C) COMMENT: CRUDE AND INDECENT AS THIS DISTORTION
OF HISTORY SEEMS TO US, THE DRA MUST HAVE BELIEVED IT COULD
TURN A TRAGIC AND EMBARRASSING INCIDENT TO CONSTRUCTIVE USE
IN ITS CAMPAIGN TO VILIFY AMIN AND SADDLE HIM WITH BLAME FOR
EVERYTHING THAT HAS GONE WRONG WITH THE GREAT SAUR REVOLUTION,
AS WELL AS ONCE AGAIN TO PAINT THE UNITED STATES AS CYNICAL,
IMMORAL AND IN LEAGUE WITH THE DEVIL. WE PLAN TO IGNORE IT
PUBLICLY. BEHIND THE SCENES, HOWEVER, PARTICULARLY WITH
COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS WE KNOW WILL GET THE WORD BACK TO THE
DRA, WE ARE TAKING THE LINE THAT A REGIME WHICH PUTS OUT
SUCH VICIOUS, SICK, RIDICULOUS PROPAGANDA CANNOT REALLY BE

TAKEN SERIOUSLY. MILLS
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